

## **Executive Summary**

Pointe Coupee Parish was originally designated as nonattainment for ozone on March 3, 1978. The State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the parish was first adopted in the early 1980's.

Following the federal Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990, Pointe Coupee Parish was classified as serious by operation of law and was included as part of the Baton Rouge serious ozone nonattainment area pursuant to sections 107(d) and 181(a) of the CAAA (56 FR 56694). Following the collection of the required ambient monitoring data in Pointe Coupee Parish, an ozone maintenance plan was developed in accordance with section 175A of the CAAA. On December 20, 1995, the maintenance plan and redesignation request were submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The approval of the ozone maintenance plan and redesignation of Pointe Coupee Parish to attainment for the one-hour ozone standard was effective December 20, 1996 (62 FR 648).

On April 15, 2004, EPA designated and classified areas for the 8-hour ozone NAAQS of 0.08 ppm (69 FR 23858, April 30, 2004). For most areas these designations became effective June 15, 2004. EPA designated Pointe Coupee Parish as attainment/unclassifiable for the 8-hour ozone standard effective June 15, 2004.

Section 110(a)(1) of the CAAA requires that each state adopt and submit to EPA a plan which provides for implementation, maintenance and enforcement of the primary pollutant standard following the promulgation of a NAAQS for any air pollutant. In accordance with 40 CFR 51.905 (a)(3) and (4), States must submit Section 110(a)(1) maintenance plans no later than three (3) years after the effective date of the area's 8-hour ozone NAAQS designation. The Section 110(a)(1) 8-hour ozone maintenance plan for Pointe Coupee Parish must be submitted no later than June 15, 2007.

On May 20, 2005, EPA issued “*Maintenance Plan Guidance Document for Certain 8-hour Ozone Areas Under Section 110(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act*”. The guidance specifies that states include the following components in the maintenance plan:

- Attainment inventory;
- Maintenance demonstration;
- Ambient air quality monitoring;
- Verification of continued attainment; and
- Contingency plan.

With the submittal of this ozone maintenance plan for Pointe Coupee Parish which is a revision to the Louisiana State Implementation Plan (SIP), the state is fulfilling the requirements of 40 CFR 51.905 under the 8-hour ozone standard.